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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: U.S.-JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS: PRESS REPORT OF GOJ
PROPOSAL ON SAIPAN

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1. APRIL 13 NIHON KEIZAI ARTICLE STATES THAT A "GOVERNMENT SOURCE ON THE 12TH" CLARIFIED THAT JAPAN HAD SUBMITTED A NEW PROPOSAL RE SAIPAN TO THE U.S. SIDE THAT JAPAN WOULD APPROVE CONTINENTAL/AIRMICRONESIA'S OPERATING THE ROUTE PROVIDED THAT 1) CAPACITY IS SETTLED IN ADVANCE AND 2) THE MATTER IS TREATED AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE PRINCIPLE OF "ONE AIRLINE ON ONE ROUTE". ARTICLE IDENTIFIES GOJ PROPOSAL AS ONE SUBMITTED FOR U.S. CONSIDERATION DURING FINAL DAY OF RECENT TALKS.

2. BY MAKING THIS NEW PROPOSAL, THE ARTICLE'S AUTHOR OPINES, "THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SEPARATE OFF THE SAIPAN PROBLEM FROM THE PROBLEM OF COMPLETELY RESCRUTINIZING THE JAPAN-US AVIATION AGREEMENT AND TO HANDLE THE PROBLEM ON A PRIORITY BASIS." THE AUTHOR ALSO NOTES THAT, "DUE TO DIPLOMATIC CONSIDERATION," THE CONTENTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WERE NOT WIDELY REVEALED.

3. ARTICLE FURTHER STATES THAT "ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT
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SOURCE, THE IMPRESSION WAS OBTAINED THAT THE U.S. IS READY TO RESPOND TO THE PROPOSAL IN A FORWARD-LOOKING MANNER TO SOME EXTENT".

4. COMMENT: WE KNOW THAT YAMAJI, WHOM WE BELIEVE IS THE "GOVERNMENT SOURCE", GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE 12TH DURING WHICH HE REPORTEDLY ALSO SAID THAT "A LITTLE PROGRESS"

WAS MADE AT THE TALKS. THIS STATEMENT OF PROGRESS, HIS
PUBLICIZING THE GOJ'S NEW SAIPAN PROPOSAL, AND YAMAJI'S APPARENT
RETICENCE TO DISCLOSE ALL TO THE PRESS, INDICATE TO US A SERIOUS
GOJ DESIRE TO RESOLVE THE SAIPAN PROBLEM AND A DETERMINATION TO
PURSUE THE TALKS ON A PROFESSIONAL GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT
BASIS. END COMMENT.

5. EMBASSY TRANSLATION POUCHED TO ROESCH EB/OA/AN.
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